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KING NEPTUNE PREYS ON ENGLAND'S COAST

Large Portions Being Yearly Washed Away by Ever Encroaching Waves.

TOWNS ARE IN DANGER

Royal Commission Appointed by Parliament Hears Evidence of Damage Done.

LONDON, Aug. 11.—The Royal Commission on Coast Erosion held a meeting today and heard evidence as to the encroachment of the sea near several towns along the coast. The Hon. T. H. W. Belham, assistant secretary of the Board of Trade, said that in Yorkshire, especially near Bridlington, for a distance of many miles, the coast had been greatly affected.

There had also been considerable destruction in Norfolk, at Cromer; in Essex, near Clacton; in Kent, at Margate Bay, and at St. Margret's Bay, near Dover. The only place where the board has actually undertaken coast-protective work is at the mouth of the Humber. The work was first undertaken by the Admiralty, and between 1861 and 1883, £22,000 was expended without any satisfactory results.

The necessity for this commission has been urged by all the members of the present Parliament whose constituencies form part of the threatened areas. When it is realized that since the years 1867-1900 the country has lost no less than 182,000 acres, after allowance being made for land reclaimed from the sea, and that the loss is still going on, it will be seen that the question is one of a very pressing character.

It is hoped that a system of finance by which reclaimed crown lands may be made to assist in the maintenance of the shore-line will be evolved by the royal commission.

Damage in Yorkshire.

The most striking case of erosion which is at present taking place on the English coast is that on the southeastern portion of Yorkshire. The whole of this district consists in the main of a mass of boulder clay left by the glaciers of the glacial period. In remote times the glaciers worked outward from the higher ground inland and outward from Norway until the whole of the North Sea was probably blocked by these enormous ice streams, which, however, melted away in course of time when warmer conditions came into force.

The masses of clay which were formed underneath the glaciers remained when the ice had vanished, and part of these masses now form the low and easily deformed cliffs of eastern Yorkshire. Portions of rock carried from long distances by the glaciers are found in the cliffs along with the huge teeth of mammoths. During recent years the sea has been eating into the southeastern corner of Yorkshire, a pleasant district served by several lines of the North-Eastern Railway.

In Cornwall.

The Cornish coast, which is very different in its nature to that of the eastern section, presents some of the most striking features of sea encroachment. The submerged forest at Mount's Bay, near Penzance, is one of the most striking evidences of recent land losses. The trunks of numerous trees are to be seen half projecting from the rippled sand of the bay at low tide, and with this striking evidence in the immediate foreground it is not difficult to believe the land did actually stretch from Land's End to the Scilly Isles, forming the country which is known to tradition as Lost Lyonesse. In addition to the geological evidences which can be brought forward, it is on record that portions of wooden framework supposed to be windows have been trawled from the seabed off Land's End. The lost land is presumed to have stretched from the Longships Lighthouse for thirty miles to the Scilly Isles, and thence northward to Lizard Point, a distance of fifty miles. It is thought the lost islands of Cassidides with which the Phoenicians traded may have formed part of Lyonesse.

GUN-RUNNING PLOT ON FINLAND'S COAST

Captain of Schooner is Held Prisoner While Rebellious Crew Lands Arms.

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 11.—The Danish schooner *Peter*, commanded by Captain Albertsen, has arrived here after an exciting adventure with Russian revolutionists off the coast of Finland. The *Peter* was chartered at Lubeck to carry a cargo of iron and copper wires, stowed in large casks, to Lulea, Sweden. Acting on instructions, Captain Albertsen hired a new crew at Lubeck, shipped his cargo and set sail for Lulea.

All went well until the schooner arrived off the Aland Islands, when the crew suddenly mutinied and, armed with revolvers, attacked the captain, whom they bound and locked in his cabin.

Captain Albertsen remained a prisoner for six days, during which time a sailor armed with a revolver constantly kept guard over him. Through a crack in the wall the captain could see the other members of the crew bringing up cases from the hold and opening them. To the captain's astonishment, they contained rifles and ammunition.

The schooner finally put in at a point on the Finnish coast, where the arms and ammunition were landed by the crew, who had apparently been lured by revolutionaries at Lubeck. The crew then deserted the schooner.

Captain Albertsen was released from his cabin by some Finnish fishermen, who explained that they had been forced, at the point of revolvers, to assist the sailors in landing the contraband.

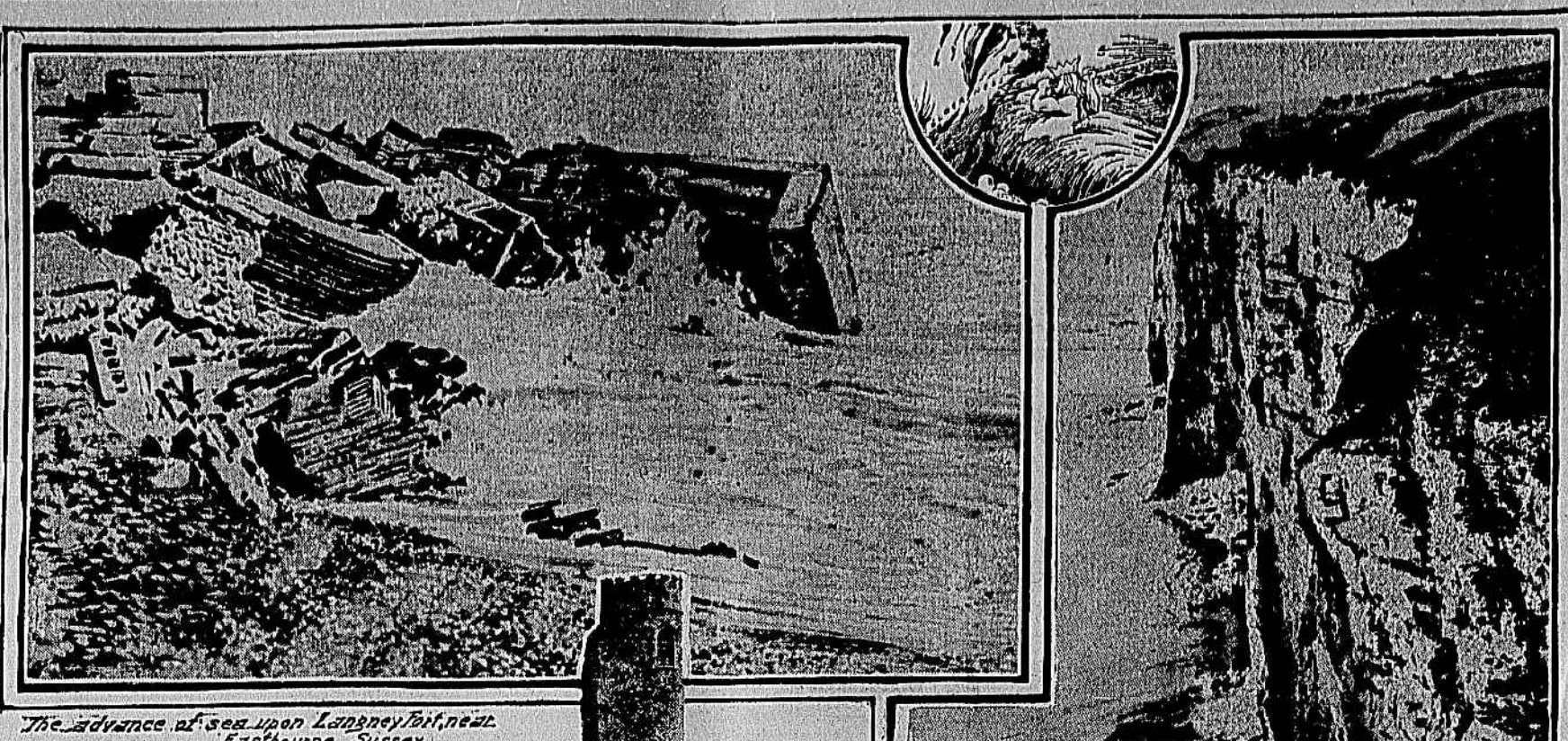
The captain, who is an old man, hired several of the fishermen and after great difficulties succeeded in bringing the schooner to Copenhagen.

MORE ALPINE TRAGEDIES

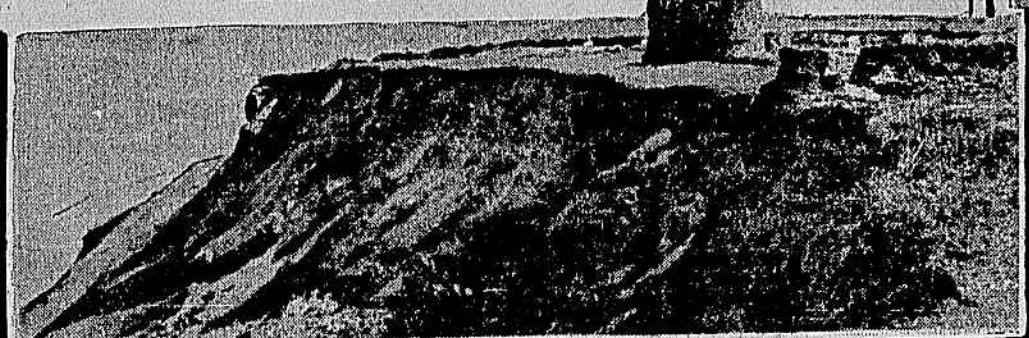
Bodies of Two Unknown Men Found on Monte Rosa.

GENEVA, Aug. 11.—The bodies of two men, who have apparently been dead for about a week, have been found at the foot of a precipice on Monte Rosa. They have not been identified, but are believed to be an Italian climber and guide, who recently left Aosta and have not returned.

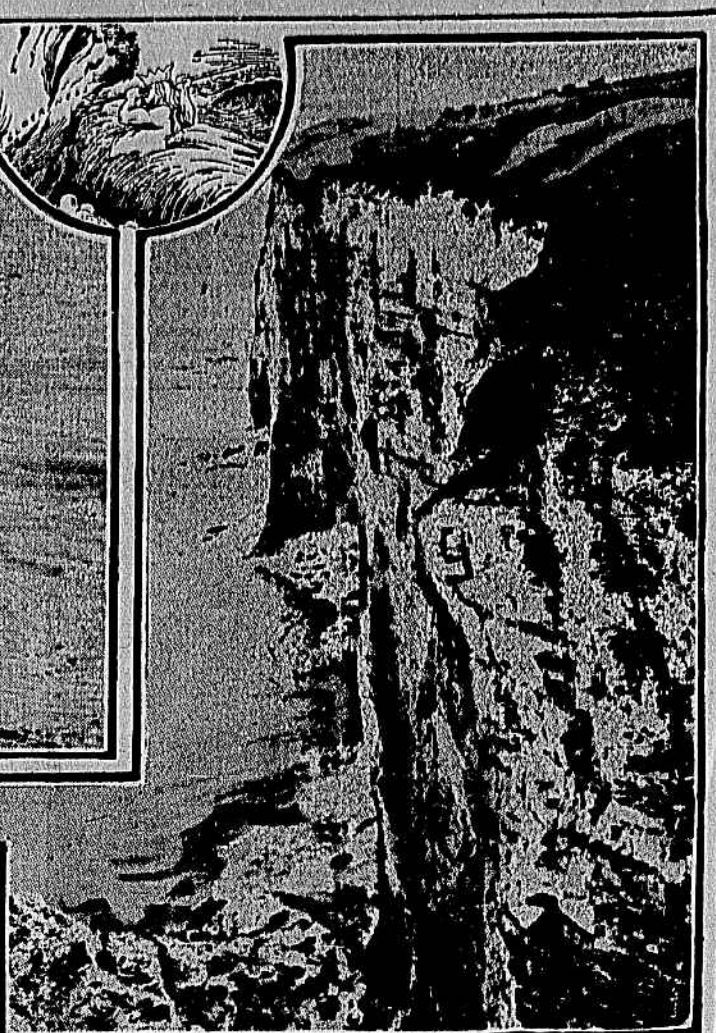
M. Lehmann, a Swiss, who lived at Brienz, has been killed while climbing the Axalphorn above Interlaken.



The advance of sea upon Langney Point, near Eastbourne, Sussex.



The Tower of the Ruined Church of "The Garden of Sleep," Norfolk.



Bempton Cliffs.

BIG THEFTS OF GOLD IN AUSTRALIAN MINE

Men Popularly Regarded as Upright and Honorable Live in Luxury From Loot.

SYDNEY, Aug. 11.—The detective's report to the West Australian Minister of Mines with reference to the authoritative statement that a million pounds' worth of gold is stolen annually at the Kalgoorlie mines declares that stealing exists enormously, though hardly to the extent alleged. He considers that there is a leakage of some hundreds of thousands of ounces a year.

The detective knows men who are generally regarded as upright and honorable, and who possess large banking accounts, living in luxury wholly on stolen gold.

"The common practice of receivers is, for the sake of appearances, to hold dummy leases, ostensibly yielding hundreds of ounces of gold monthly, but I venture to say that they never get the color of gold therefrom. Some receivers pose as assayers with gold treatment works. The actual stealers are mostly officials."

The detective suggests the appointment of a highly paid staff to deal exclusively with gold stealing.

ACCOUNTANT IN DAY IS BURGLAR AT NIGHT

Strange Double Life of Educated Man Who Comes of Good Family.

LONDON, Aug. 11.—The double life of a man who was an accountant by day and a burglar by night was described yesterday at the Clerkenwell Sessions. Henry Lewis, who described himself as a clerk, pleaded guilty to having committed three burglaries, and was sentenced to two years' hard labor.

Detective-Sergeant Burrell said that up to two years ago Lewis was an accountant in constant and good employment, but at night he did a flourishing business as a burglar. He had received a college education, and his father, who was a man of good position, had no knowledge of his double life. He lived entirely alone, and conducted his burglaries without assistance.

Two years ago, however, he was caught and sentenced to a year's imprisonment. After his release he gave up his business as an accountant and devoted himself to the more lucrative profession of burglary. He made a specialty of valuable plate and jewels, which he pawned.

The detectives said that he had given information to the police which led to the recovery of a large quantity of stolen property.

MYRIADS OF LOCUSTS DEVASTATE COUNTRY

Leave Vegetation Ruined in Path and Defy All Attempts at Annihilation.

VIENNA, Aug. 11.—Myriads of locusts are devastating the country in the neighborhood of Debreczin, Hungary.

They are sweeping through the land, eating every green thing they find in their path. The crops on 60,000 acres have already been consumed, so that the ground is quite bare, and the authorities are helpless to stay the advance of the insects.

All sorts of desperate means are being tried without avail to keep back the invading host. Fires have been lighted, but they are extinguished, and the survivors continue their march unimpeded.

Twelve steam rollers are being used at one place, and roller brooms are sweeping up the dead bodies of the crushed insects. But no apparent progress is made. The locusts cover the earth in many places to the depth of several inches, and defy annihilation.

To make matters worse, a storm has carried clouds of them over the River Theiss, and they have devoured practically all the corn, which was standing in the valley. What is left is worthless, as animals refuse to touch it owing to its peculiar smell.

The plague first appeared last year, when a force of 300 men was organized to destroy the locusts. This year the pest of affairs is much worse, and many farmers are threatened with ruin.

Virtuous Suburbs.

LONDON, Aug. 11.—There was a remarkable absence of crime in the northern suburbs last week. The Highgate Police Court has jurisdiction over about 127,000 persons living in Highgate, Hornsey, Finchley, Friern Barnet and Whetstone, but there have only been two charges during the whole week—one of burglary on Wednesday and one of theft on Friday.

GOWNS MUST MATCH JEWELS OF BRIDE

Fashion Has a New Fad Which is Hard Upon Dress-makers.

LONDON, Aug. 11.—Dressmakers, who until lately have been the leading authorities on correct color schemes in gowns, have been compelled to bow to the latest fashion in jewelry.

The bride-to-be will no longer allow her dressmaker to dictate the shade of her going-away frock. The one thing necessary is that it should match her most elaborate set of jewelry.

"This is not our only grievance," a court dressmaker said yesterday. "We are willing for our customers to please themselves with regard to colors, although it is wiser to trust to a specialist's judgment on this important matter. Our greatest difficulty is the present fashion of giving the bride a set of jewelry for a wedding present, which arrives after all her dresses have been planned and all made."

"A young society bride arranged to have a going-away dress of pink tulle de sole last month. This was made to her order, but four days before her wedding she came to me in a state of great excitement. An influential personage had sent her a magnificent set of amethysts—necklace, brooch, bracelet and earrings.

"She was determined to wear them when starting off on her honeymoon, and the consequence was that we had to set to work to make a mauve outfit to match her jewels."

Dog's Lese Majeste.

CALCUTTA, Aug. 11.—An Englishman was fined \$4 yesterday because his dog barked at a public official of Purulia, in Bengal.

BANDIT PLIES TRADE JUST OUTSIDE ROME

Armed With Long Gun, He Holds Up and Robs Young Merchant.

ROME, Aug. 11.—Outside the Porta San Pancrazio a young merchant named Deangellis, while slowly driving a trap uphill to a farm a few miles from Rome, was suddenly stopped by a man in tattered clothes, who appeared from the bush by the side of the road. Pointing a long gun at the merchant, the man ordered him to hand over all his money and valuables. Realizing that resistance was useless, he dropped his pocketbook, containing \$20, requesting the brigand to return the papers inside.

The man took the pocketbook and made off. Deangellis reported the occurrence to the police, and a force proceeded to the scene of the occurrence. Under an oak tree were found two men, and also a bag containing provisions which they had left behind. About 100 men are searching the bush for the brigands, who are suspected to be two convicted murderers, who on the night of July 18 broke the windows of the prisoners' car in the train from Rome to Florence and jumped out and escaped.

ASSASSIN SWIMS WITH POLICEMAN IN CHASE

To Avoid Drowning He Seeks Refuge on Raft, and is Captured.

LEIPZIG, Aug. 11.—Franz Koehler, the Leipzig murderer, who has eluded the police for weeks, has been caught at Hanover, after a series of dramatic escapades.

Koehler was taken after a desperate attempt to swim to safety. He was discovered by a policeman just as he was about to enter a train. He realized that he was being pursued, drew a revolver and shouted, "Stand back, or I'll shoot you dead!" The policeman was undaunted, and continued the chase. Koehler then turned and leveled his revolver at the head of his pursuer. By a dexterous movement the officer knocked it from his hand.

Koehler then fled toward the river and plunged in, hoping to escape by outswimming the policeman, who followed him into the water. With the help of several men, who were watching on the opposite bank, the policeman succeeded in capturing the murderer, who had taken refuge on a raft to avoid drowning.

SERVICES IN CHURCH STOPPED BY A MOB

Crowd of Unemployed in Melbourne Invade Building and Cause an Uproar.

MELBOURNE, Aug. 11.—A disgraceful scene occurred in the Scots Church on Sunday, when the labor leader, "Tom" Mann, led a crowd of unemployed into the building during the services.

The mob attempted to carry a red flag into the building, but was restrained. Mr. Mann was then informed that seats had been reserved for his followers, but when he saw that they were at the back of the church he called out "Come up to the front, comrades!" and the "comrades" tramped up to the front.

When the Rev. Dr. Marshall began his sermon the disturbance broke out. He was constantly interrupted with cries of "rot." One of the leaders of the unemployed stood up and shouted: "Christ said, 'Sell all ye have and give to the poor!'"

At this the mob cheered wildly, and when the uproar had subsided Dr. Marshall stopped the service and went into the vestry. The regular churchgoers left the building, but the intruders remained, passing ribald remarks at the people as they walked down the aisle. After a while three cheers were given for social revolution. The crowd left the building and held a meeting outside.

DUKE, SEVENTY-FIVE, NOW SEEKS DIVORCE

Frisky Scion of Royal House of Bavaria Wants to Contract Third Marriage.

MUNICH, Aug. 11.—Duke Ludwig, of Bavaria, who was to last month, announces his intention of renouncing his second morganatic marriage with Frau Antonie von Bartolf, whom he wedded in 1892, in order to contract a third morganatic alliance with Fraulein Fordek, a youthful prima donna at the Munich Royal Opera House.

Duke Ludwig's first morganatic marriage took place in 1869, with Henriette Mendel, who was given the title of Baroness von Wallersee, and died in 1891. One daughter by the first marriage is living. The sanction of the Prince Regent is necessary before Duke Ludwig can divorce his present wife, who is 35 years of age.



WOMAN ROYAL ASTRONOMER

The honor of being elected a member of the Royal Astronomical Society of London has been bestowed on Mrs. Williamina Fleming, who has achieved remarkable distinction in the study of stars and nebulae. She is the daughter of the astronomer Mr. Fleming at Harvard University. Mrs. Fleming is a native of Dundee, Scotland.

BOYS TURN BRIGANDS AND MURDER OLD MAN

Not Yet in Teens, Their Minds Are Perverted by Reading Tales of Adventure.

ROME, Aug. 11.—Two boys in a village near Naples, Giovanni Giambartolomeo, aged 11, and Carlo Zanini, aged 12, resolved to become brigands, after reading a number of books of adventure.

When every one had gone to bed on Thursday night the two boys set out, armed with knives and an old pistol, and breaking the window of the house of an old man, who had the reputation of being very wealthy, the elder boy stepped up to his bedside, and demanded: "Your money or your life." The old man was too terrified to answer, whereupon the boys drew their knives and brutally murdered the man.

They took the few coins they found in the house, as well as an old musket-load. On their way home they met a policeman, who, not recognizing a satisfactory answer as to where they had found the gun, arrested both. Their crime was discovered early next morning.

BOMB LAY IN BOX WHICH KEY EXPLODED

Recipient of Innocent-Looking Parcel is Terribly Wounded on Opening It.

HIS HAIR BLOWN OFF

No Apparent Cause for Crime, But Police Hit on Theory of Revenge.

PARIS, Aug. 11.—M. Haegell, a partner in a firm of menders of antique porcelain and china, was terribly injured by a bomb explosion at his workshop in the Rue de Bondy this morning, which took place while he was opening a parcel delivered to him in the ordinary way.

He had opened an outer basket, and found an envelope with a key and a wooden box. He had no sooner attempted to turn the key in the lock of the box than a tremendous explosion occurred, which shook the whole neighborhood and shattered the windows of the workshop. A woman, who was sitting at a fourth-floor window sewing, was seriously injured.

Was Terribly Wounded.

M. Haegell was found horribly wounded standing in the courtyard, but apparently perfectly calm. His face was bleeding, nearly the whole of his hair and beard had been blown off and his left arm hung down a shapeless mass by his side, his hand and wrist having been blown off. Inside the box, attached to the sides by wire, was a revolver, containing a spent cartridge. It had been so placed that on the key being turned it pressed against the trigger of the revolver by means of an ingenious arrangement of threads. The box was filled with black powder and with numerous pieces of old iron, nails, iron nuts, etc.

A portion of Haegell's arm had been blown against the wall, and fragments of flesh were found on a window sill on the first floor. On arriving at the hospital, he fell into a state of coma, and the surgeons found it necessary to amputate the stump. It is impossible to attribute any motive for the outrage, but there is a theory that some one to whom he had refused money may have taken this means of revenge.

Curiously enough, either last night or this morning, some unknown person entered the courtyard and roughly drew on the ground-glass window of M. Haegell's workshop a sketch of a revolver and a dagger. The pane on which this drawing was made was the only one left intact after the explosion.

TRAVELER THROWN ON RAILS BY ROBBERS

Widespread System of Theft on Hamburg Line Culminates in a Murder.

HAMBURG, Aug. 11.—What is supposed to be another fatal train robbery and murder occurred last night on the Bremen-Hamburg express.

Two men who were sleeping in a second-class compartment awakened to find a man trying to break in upon them, with the apparent object of robbery. They pulled the communicating cord, and the man escaped.

In a neighboring compartment were found the valves and overcoat of a traveler, apparently of considerable position, but of the man himself not a trace could be seen. It is presumed that he had fallen a victim to the robber or robbers, and then been thrown out of the train.

ELEPHANT PREPARES TO FIGHT TRAM CAR

Regards Hooting of Driver's Horn as Challenge, and Accepts it Instantly.

PARIS, Aug. 11.—A panic was caused yesterday at Neuilly by the escape of three elephants from a place of amusement at the entrance to Paris.

In the Avenue de Neuilly one of the beasts prepared to meet in battle an advancing electric tramway car, the continual hooting of the driver's horn being evidently taken as a challenge. The conductor, however, wisely determined to retire, and ran his car backward to the river.

The elephants then uprooted a couple of trees, and playfully threw them across the roadway. Then discovering a large assortment of melons in front of a grocer's shop, which was quickly deserted by the owner and his assistant, they proceeded to devour twenty or thirty of the melons with the greatest gusto.

Finally the beasts were captured in the passageway of a house in the Rue Montreuil, and were led quietly back to their stables by their keeper.

JEALOUS MAN MAKES TERRIBLE MISTAKE

Kills Wrong Man, Then Seeing Error, Murders Wife and Hangs Himself.

BRUSSELS, Aug. 11.—A terrible story of murder comes from Tulse, a man named Griet, the father of eight children, suspecting his wife of infidelity, lay in wait near the station for the man he assumed to be her lover.

When suddenly a gentleman drew near, the jealous husband sprang at the supposed rival and plunged his dagger into his back and again.

When his victim sank to the ground, mortally wounded, the wretched assassin saw that he had made a terrible mistake, and, hurrying home, he murdered his wife in the same savage fashion with the same weapon. He completed his horrible work by hanging himself.

The first victim of the assassin proved to be an honored university professor, M. Carnus, who had never seen either Griet or his wife.